

Subject: Allowing Multiplexing of Digital Broadcasting

This is my request that you consider allowing the multiplexing of digital broadcasting in your deliberations. This will allow stations such as KMUW (the public radio station in Wichita) to continue to provide a service to the visually impaired as they do presently.

They currently provide this service on WRRS as a side-band carrier to KMUW.

This service uses volunteer readers to read the current newspaper, books and magazines to those individuals who cannot read these items for themselves or have anyone to read to them. This service provides a means for those individuals to keep up with the current events of the world, nation, state, county and their own home town.

I have personally talked to a few of some of the individuals who receive this service and they really value this service especially the obituaries. Since they are usually older they appreciate the fact that they can keep up with their friends and acquaintances even to their eventual demise. This keeps them in touch. They also really appreciate the food ads that are read to them. They can make up their own shopping lists and have someone shop for them.

This is indeed a great service to those less fortunate than ourselves. So I implore you if you do decide to proceed with HD Radio please, for their sake, allow multiplexing and allow stations such as KMUW to continue the fine tradition of serving the visually impaired.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.